



As much as the Queenes Maiestie our soueraigne Lady is credibly informed, that the infection of the plague is at this present in sundrie places, in and about the citie of London, and in other places neere adioyning to the same: whereas by the continuance thereof, though the greater repaire and resort of her louing Subiects, great perill & danger might not onely ensue vnto her most royal person, but also to her most louing Subiectes repaying thither for their suites & causes, & thereby also giue occasion of disperling of the same in other partes of the Realme: Her Maiestie for the said necessarie causes and considerations, and hoping that the same wil by the goodnes of Almighty God, with the coldenesse of the yeaere, and such holisome orders as are to be

taken in her said citie, the rather cease by the adioynment of part of this next Tearme of Saynt Michael now at hande, from the vtas of the same, vntill the fourth returne of the said Tearme, called Mensis Michaelis next comming: Her Maiestie therefore of her especial fauour and clemencie, is pleased and contented to adioyne the sayde Tearme of Saint Michael, That is to saye, from the vtas thereof vntill the sayd fourth returne of the said Tearme, called Mensis Michaelis next comming, which her Maiestie signifieth to all & singuler her louing Subiects of this her Realme, to thintent that they & euery of them, which hath cause or commaundment to appeare in any of her Highnes Courts at Westminster, in or at any day or time from & after the sayd vtas of Saint Michael, may tarre at their dwellings, or where their busines otherwise shal lye, without resorting to any of the sayd Courts for that cause before Mensis Michaelis next comming, & that without daunger of forfeiture, penaltie or contempt to incurre towards her Highnes in that behalf. And neuerthelesse her highnes pleasure is, that two of her Iustices, that is to say, of either Bench one, shall the first day of Michaelmas Tearme, called Octabis Michaelis, according to the aunient order of her Lawes, keepe the Essoynes of the said Octabis Michaelis, at which vtas of Saint Michael, writtes of Adioynement shalbe directed to the said Iustices, giuing them authoritie to adioyne the said Terme of Saint Michael, that is to say, from the vtas thereof vntill Mensis Michaelis, as before is sayd. And the said adioynement shalbe made in the first day of the sayd vtas, commonly called the day of Essoynes. And further her Maiesties pleasure is, that all matters, causes & suites, depending in any of her other Courtes, betwene partie and partie, as in her Highnes Courts of Chancery, Starre Chamber and Exchequier, Courtes of Wardes & Liueries, Duchie of Lancaster and Courtes of Requests shal haue continuance, and the parties shal haue day from the date of these presents vnto Mensis Michaelis, as before is sayde.

Provided alwaies, and her Maiesties pleasure & commaundment is, that all Collectors, Receiuers, Sheriffes & Accomptants, and all other persons that shoud or ought to accompt or pay any somme or sommes of money, in any of her Maiesties Court of Exchequier, Court of Wardes & Liueries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or in any of them, or to enter into any accompt in any of the same Courts, shal repaire vnto the accustomed places at Westminster, where her Highnes hath appointed such Officers & Ministers, as for that purpose her Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to pay & do in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of Adioynement had bene had or made. And her highnes further pleasure & commaundment is, that all Sheriffes shal returne their writtes & processe against all such Accomptants & detters at the dayes therein appointed. And all other writtes and processe directed vnto them out of any of the Offices of her Maiesties Remembrancer or the Treasurers Remembrancer in her Highnes sayd Court of Exchequier. And if any person or persons, who ought to accompt or pay any somme or sommes of money to her Maiestie in any the Courtes and places aforesaid, do make defaulte therein, That then her Highnes writtes and processe shalbe awarded, and sent forth against euery such person and persons, and the same to be duely and orderly serued and returned by the Sheriffes & Officers thereunto appointed, in such like maner & forme as the same shoud haue bene, if this present Proclamation had not bene made. And if any Sherife or other Officer shal make default or be negligent in seruing, executing and returning of any the writtes and processe aforesaid: That then euery such Sheriffe and other Officer shal incurre such paines & penalties, as by the sayd Courts, or any of them shalbe taxed & assessed: willing & commaunding all & euery her Maiesties Sheriffes, Officers, Ministers & Subiects, to whom both or shal apperteyne, to obserue and keepe their assemblies & apparances, with al their Returns & certificates, in her Highnes said Courts at Westminster, in Mensis Michaelis next comming, then and there to be holden and kept, and there to do their offices and duties in euery behalfe, in like maner & forme as they shoud or ought to haue done, if this present Proclamation had not bene had or made, as they will answere to the contrarie at their perils.

Given at Loughborough, the xxii. day of September. In the twentieth yeaere of our raigne.

God saue the Queene.

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